Five Year Plan whereas the average allocation for Seventh Plan conies to Rs. 26. 09 crores. An (outlay of, Rs. 73. 44 crores has been provided for passenger amenity works under various plan heads during 1990-91.

(f) As per an action plan drawn up by the Railways, all deficiencies in respect of the basic passenger amenities at all stations will be eliminated by March, 1991.

Central assistance to the States for Development of Tribal Sub-plan

2016. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI CHHOTUBSSi PATEL:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criterion of allocating special Central assistance to States for development activities of Tribal Sub-plan Area;

(b) how much special Central assistance was contemplated to be. given to the State of Madhya Pradesh in the last year of VIIIth Five Year plan and how much amount is earmarked for this purpose in Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) how much special Central assistance has been" provided in the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan and whether the balance would be provided in the remaining one year?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI-" RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The criteria for allocating the Special Central Assistance (SCA) to states for Tribal sub-plan (TSP) are primarily Scheduled Tribe population, Tribal sub-plan area and relative backwardness of the State.

(b) and (c) Year-wise release of Special Central Assistance to Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan including the last year of the Plan, i. e., 1989-90 is given below: —

Year	:	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)'
1985-86		3969. 98
1986-87		4399. 72
1987-88		4518. 48
1988-89		4934. 15
1989-90		5385. 00

The allocation of special Central Assistance for th~e Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised by the Planning Commission. An " amount of Rs. 5923. 50 lakhs has been allocated as Special Central Assistance to Madhya Pradesh for the first year of the Eighth Plan, i. e., 1990-91.

Joint sector companies for oil palm cultivation

2017. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to encourage the setting up of joint sector companies with equity participation from State^Governmenfe to undertake large scale oil palm cultivation;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to rope in the private sector In-a big way into this field;

(c) whether a high level meeting of the Agriculture Ministry was held and these suggestions were discussed; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.